(विपणन) ऋण योजना के अन्तर्गत कोई ऋण नहीं दिया गया है ।

Allotment of wheat and rice for P.D.S. to Karnataka

1190. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the allotment of wheat and rice for Public Distribution through Fair Price Shops to Karnataka month-wise during the current year;

(b) the total quantity of rice and Wheat sought by the Karnataka month-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that people have been put to great hardship due to cut in the allotment of Rice and Wheat; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any steps to supply sufficient quantities of rice and wheat to Karnataka every month for the Public Distribution System?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) A Statement showing demand and allotment of wheat and rice under Public Distribution System in respect of Karnataka during the current year is attached. (See below)

(c) and (d) The allocation of wheat and rice for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool is only supplemental in nature. These allocations to various States/UTs., including Karnataka, are made on a month to month basis taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, market availability and other related factors.

Statement

(In tonnes)

Month	Demand		Allotment	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
January '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	50,000
February '89	25,000	75,000	15,750	40,000
March '89	25,000	75,000	15,750	40,000
April '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	40,000
May '89	25'000	75,000	15,000	40,000
June '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	40,000
July '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	40,000

Performance of Agro Service Centres

1191. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in its evaluation report of 1979 the Planning Commission had said that the scheme for establishment of Agro Service Centres launched by the Agriculture Ministry in 1971-72 had been implemented with half hearted approach;

(b) if so, what are the conditions and performance of the Agro Service Centres and their connected Agro Entrepreneurs; and

(c) if the performance of such centres had not been satisfactory, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The report of the Study of Special Employment Programme for the Educated Unemployed (1971—74) published by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission observed that self-employment scheme under agriculture and allied sectors were few and were implemented in a half-hearted manner.

(b) and (c) One of the two schemes under the Programme for the Educated Unemployed (PEU) covered by the Study report related to the establishment of Agro Service Centres. The report observed as follows:—

(i) Under the Special Employment Programme, about 1050 entrepreneurs were trained under all programmes and 1025 Centres were set up providing employment for 3533 persons.

(ii) Central assistance under the scheme for establishment of Agro Service Centres was restricted to meet the training cost of the Degree Holders in Agriculture and to provide interest subsidy to enable them to limit their borrowings to 5 per cent.

(iii) Though the scheme seemed a viable one, very few States could come forward to accelerate the work under the scheme under Self-Employment Programme or Half-a-million jobs Programme.

Implementation of Agro Service Centre Scheme

1192. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tractor Testing and Training Centre, Hissar in its survey report of 1977, had apprised the Central Government that there are various bottlenecks in the thorough implementation of the scheme of Agro-Service Centres;

(b) if so, whether Government had removed the bottlenecks in the Scheme of the Agro Service Centres within past 10-12 years; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken so far by Government and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Tractor Traning Centre, Hissar in the year 1977 conducted a survey of 201 Agro Service Centres to assets their performance and difficulties.

(b) and (c) The Agro Service Centre Scheme was implemented through the 17 State Agro Industries Corporations established in the country. The Government of India took the following steps to improve implementation of the scheme.

(i) Changes were made in the training courses of Agro-entreprenneurs to make it more fruitful by including business management and accounting aspects.

(ii) State Governments and State Agro Industries Corporations were advised to use the Agro Service Centres as approved outlets for marketing of agricultural inputs to the maximum extent possible.

(iii) State Agro Industries Corporations were advised to review the working of Agro Service Centres periodically. The Corporations were also advised to identify the factors responsible for losses/uneconomic returns and to suggest corrective measures to the entrepreneurs.

In pursuance of the decision of the National Development Council, the